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**Highlights from Surah Al-Hadeed** or Iron, thus symbolizing the benefits of this metal in peace and war. The Surah persuades the Muslims to make monetary sacrifices in particular. Islam is not just verbal commitment with outward ritualistic practices, but its spirit is sincerity towards Allah<sup>SWT</sup>, without it, the faith is hollow in the eyes of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah<sup>SWT</sup>. He is Almighty and All Wise. To Him belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth; it is He who gives life and causes death; and He has power over all things. A person is only a Trustee of the wealth he has – thus he should not hesitate to spend in the Cause of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>. When you spend in the cause of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>, He calls it a beautiful loan. Excel one another in pursuit of Paradise: Race one with another in hastening towards Forgiveness from your Lord (Allâh), and towards Paradise. Do not be prideful boaster, everything one has is from Allah<sup>SWT</sup>, written in the Book

**Highlights from Surah Al-Mujadalah** means “pleading and arguing”. The Muslims were warned to abstain from all practices of the days of ignorance, or else risk punishment in this world and in the Hereafter. The hypocrites were reprimanded for their secret conspiratorial consultations against the Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>. The Muslims are advised that if meeting in secret, it should be only for righteousness and piety.

**Highlights from Surah Al-Hashr** means “the gathering”, and it refers to the Day of Judgment. The main subject of the Surah is an appraisal of the battle against the Jews of Bani an Nadeer. This battle was a result of resistance, opposition, and conspiracy to kill the Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> and stop the spread of Islam.

**Highlights from Surah Al-Mumtahanah** means “the woman to be examined.” The Surah discusses the social problems that arose with new Muslims whose spouses chose not to convert. Allah decreed that the pagan husband is not lawful for the Muslim woman, nor the pagan wife lawful for the Muslim husband. Do not make the enemies of Islam your friends or protectors. [60:1]

**Highlights from Surah As-Saff** means “the battle array”, reflects that Muslims should unite under the slogan of Allahu Akbar. Its theme is to exhort the Muslims to be sincere in Faith and to struggle with their lives in the cause of Allah. It is addressed to all three types: Muslims with weak faith, the hypocrites, and the sincere believers. Do not say or preach something that you do not do: O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do? Most hateful it is with Allâh that you say that which you do not do. [61:2,3] Fight in the cause of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>: Indeed Allah loves those who fight in His cause in a battle array as if they were a solid structure. [61:4] Be a helper in the cause of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>: O you who believe! Be you helpers (in the Cause) of Allâh. [61:14]

**Highlights from Surah Al-Jumu'ah** means “the Friday”, a holy day in Islam in which Muslims male have been ordered to attend congregational prayers. It is a day when Adam<sup>AS</sup> was created and the day he died, the Day of Judgment will occur on Friday, doors of Heaven are open and Dua' is accepted this day. Those who attend Friday-to-Friday prayers get forgiveness from Allah<sup>SWT</sup> for a week.

Reserve the priorities of Jumuah for worship of Allah<sup>SWT</sup>: O you who believe! When the call is proclaimed for the Salât on the day of Friday, come to the Zikr of Allâh (Khutbah and Salât) and

leave off business, that is better for you! Then when the (Jumu'ah) Salât is finished, you may disperse through the land, and seek the Bounty of Allâh (working normal business). And do Zikr of Allah in abundance, that you may be successful. Say "That which Allâh has is better than any amusement or merchandise! And Allâh is the Best of providers." [62:9-11]

**Highlights from Surah Al-Munafiqoon** (the hypocrites) is a review of their conduct and attitude. Allah<sup>SWT</sup> describes the traits of hypocrites: They have made their oaths a screen (for their hypocrisy). They believe, and then disbelieve, therefore, their hearts are sealed. When you look at them, their good stature pleases you; and when they speak, you listen to what they say; but they are (worthless) as blocks of wood propped up. They are the enemies, so beware of them. May Allâh curse them! And when it is said to them: "Come, so that the Messenger of Allâh may ask forgiveness from Allâh for you", they turn aside their heads, and you would see them turning away their faces in arrogance. They are the ones who say: "Do not spend on those who are with Allâh's Messenger, until they desert him."

**Highlights from Surah At-Taghaabun** means "mutual profit and loss", and it refers to the outcome on the Day of Judgment. It is a Madani Surah revealed in the early days of Hijrah to Madinah. The Surah invites to the Faith and obedience to Allah<sup>SWT</sup> not only by statement but also by deeds. Believers should place all of their trust in Allah alone!